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Special Guest Bios
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Craig Wilson

Craig Wilson is the Director of Health Policy at the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI), a nonpartisan, independent health policy organization that serves as a catalyst to improve the health of Arkansans. Most recently, Mr. Wilson has focused on legislation to develop a robust infrastructure and process for collection of data for reporting health quality and pricing called the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative. He worked alongside the Arkansas Surgeon General and state legislators to develop and implement the Health Care Independence Program (also known as the "private option") and its successor program, Arkansas Works, both of which use an innovative form of premium assistance to provide coverage to low-income Arkansans.

Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas. He is an attorney licensed to practice in Arkansas, having earned his juris doctorate from Georgia State University College of Law and his masters of public administration from Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kerri Williams

Kerri Williams is an educator who specializes in working with other educators to focus on action planning that addresses the effective use of the school's implementation of goals, instructional programs, and strategies to meet student needs. She aims to cultivate transformative leadership to achieve cultural change by establishing high expectations for instructional quality, develop effective teams, translate data into action, and generate deep engagement among school and community stakeholders. She currently serves as the District School Improvement Specialist, Federal Program Coordinator, Title III and Title IX Coordinator, Alternative Education Supervisor, Compliance Specialist, 504 Coordinator, District Parent Involvement and Foster Care/Homeless Coordinator, Career and Technical Coordinator, and School Culture and Climate Specialist for Watson Chapel School District.

Ms. Williams holds an Education Specialist Degree in Leadership in Education Administration, a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology, and a Bachelor degree in Physical Education and Health. She has had 19 years' experience as an educator working in a variety of public, private, and higher education settings with diverse student populations. Ms. Williams has served in a number of roles as a classroom teacher, member of the school leadership team, department chair, assistant professor at Henderson State University, and school improvement specialist for Arkansas Department of Education before her current employment at Watson Chapel. She has also spent 7 years serving in the Army and Georgia National Guard. Ms. Williams' passion is to see all students receive a quality education that will provide opportunities for future goals.

In addition to her involvement with ACCESS, Inc., Ms. Williams is a board member for Ambassadors for Youth and a member of the citizens group United Citizens for Pine Bluff.